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A Post Holiday Note from CPTSA President, Marjorie Ellis...

Thanksgiving is traditionally a family day, and the familiar aroma of turkey, and all the trimmings and pumpkin pie makes it a favorite holiday year after year. Many Colonnaders spend this day with their families in other cities or plan special trips and events for the day. There are some who spend the holiday here at home. On your next holiday at home, think about inviting a Senior Citizen to have dinner with your family or share your holiday dinner with a shut-in. Singles staying home can get together and make their own Colonnade family-for-a-day and share the chores and expense.

CPTSA will continue to concern itself with seeking to improve the quality of life for all Colonnaders and you can help by your willingness to share with your neighbor. CPTSA has not forgotten that SECURITY is the most primary problem that confronts us, and that in order that the protection provided by management is the most efficient and effective possible, it has been necessary for us to be in constant contact with management staff, as well as the owners of our buildings---making known the violations of contract, and the dissatisfaction of the residents when the security deteriorates. We don't propose to say that things are as they should be, but we are vocal in matters where negligence is indicated. Positive action has been promptly taken in many instances; in others we have not had success, some take more time, but we are trying.

YOUR interest, patience, cooperation, support, and encouragement are essential.

GOBLINS, GREMLINS AND GHOSTS...

T'was night and darkness descended upon Newark. Silently they crept into the Colonnade lobby: Witches, hideous and foreboding; monstrous ogres, Frankenstein's and clowns: ballerinas and supermen, and all manner of two-legged creatures for the Colonnade Halloween Party last month sponsored by the CPTSA.

One hundred assorted costumed residents up to age 12, and some 30 parents were present at the gala affair. There was fun for all, goodies to eat, songs, a film, and a delightful treat, FRANCIS, THE MAGICIAN, an extremely talented personality with a magnetism that kept the children intrigued and amazed with his magic tricks.

Special thanks to the (Newark) Star-Ledger for newspaper coverage, to the volunteers who worked on the party committee, to the teenage volunteers, to the fine cooperation of the Colonnade Management, to the Colonnade Guard Service, and to Francis, a resident of the Colonnades for his amazing magic feats. And most of all, thanks to residents, neighbors and friends for your patience and cooperation as the children rode the Pumpkin Express (elevator) to the party. "Heechee-keechee-kee" was the magic word that sped the express on its way.

Trick or Treat for Adults... a splendid treat indeed. Through the combined efforts of the security committee, The Colonnade Guard Service, and the Newark Police Dept., NO CARS WERE VANDALIZED in the Colonnade parking lots Halloween night.

Yes, Virginia, there IS a Great Pumpkin---the fine spirit of cooperation of the Colonnade residents. Hats off to you all! We still hear an occasional "Heechee-keechee-kee" around the buildings...Memories are made of this...

Dryer, Dryer, Where's the Best Dryer? The Laundry Room Committee has been working to find more effective means of getting better washers and dryers, as well as improving the overall atmosphere of this facility. The concessionaire is working with the committee to improve and upgrade the equipment, including the new dryers which appear to be costing Colonnaders more to dry than previous dryers.

Management Changes...

James Desdunes, having managed the Colonnades for 15 years has resigned, and has been succeeded by Anthony Rizzo, former Assistant Manager. Best wishes to Mr. Desdunes in his future endeavors, and we are sure the cooperative spirit he fostered will be continued under the leadership of Mr. Rizzo.

And the Beat Goes On...

Several new residents have been visited by our Welcome Committee. This committee has answered many questions of new tenants regarding building services, explained the purpose of our organization, and has offered its assistance and availability, if needed. The Membership Committee is still at work. They will reach everyone eventually. They have visited 184 families so far.....Mailbox Notes: Have you any ideas, or suggestions that you'd like to share? Drop a line to the CPSTA mailbox in the Coffee Shop (D Bldg.), or see a Committee member.

Did you know that moving in or moving out, the Maintenance Office must know so that the use of the elevators can be coordinated for the least amount of resident inconvenience?.....that tailgating in and out the parking lot gates throws the gate timing mechanism off, causing costly repairs?..... that children should not play on the grass of the Colonnade grounds? That the grounds are suffering from child and adult mis-use, and dog pollution? Where once was green grass is now bare dirt?..... that curtains are a must for YOUR privacy, and protection of furniture and carpeting from the glaring rays of the sun? That aluminum foil and sheets do not curtains make?.....

STORK-O-GRAM NOTES

Born to Louis and Joyce Alexander (C Bldg.), Melanie Lynn on November 20, 1974; 7 1/2 lbs., 20 1/2 inches at St. Lukes Women's Hospital (N.Y.). This darling little newcomer to the Colonnade community is, according to the new parents, "Beautiful and lovable with personality plus."

MUSIC MINDED COLONNADERS PLEASE NOTE.....

The Greater Newark Choral reorganized under the able direction of Richard A. Feard will present Handel's Messiah SUN., DEC. 8, 1974, 4:00 P.M. HOUSE OF PRAYER (Lackawanna Station and Broad St., Newark). Within its ranks are singers who have performed with renowned artists as Robert Shaw, Roger Wagner, Alex Wyton and others.

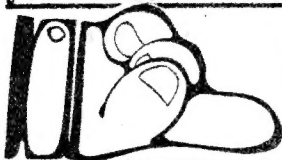
The efforts of the Choral are in three main areas: performance, education, and community activities. There are still some vacancies for voices. Those interested may call Mr. Feard, who is a Colonnade resident, at Tel. #481-0462. This group will be singing Christmas Carols in the lobbies of A and B Bldgs. during the December holidays. Watch bulletin boards for announcements.

If you missed the first official public appearance of the American Boys Chorus directed by James McCarthy (also a long time Colonnade resident) at Montclair State College, then you missed a rare treat.

The American Boys Chorus has among its ranks many boys formerly affiliated with the Newark Boys Chorus which Mr. McCarthy founded. The American Boys Chorus is part of Newark's growing cultural community and should be pointed to with pride. Watch bulletin boards for future concert announcements about this group which will most certainly be riding a tremendous wave of success. (SURPRISE SCOOP: There is a good chance that the American Boys Chorus will be caroling one evening during the holidays in the C and D Bldg. lobbies. More about this later.....

SENIOR CITIZENS...

We haven't forgotten you. We understand that you would like a place to meet where you can play bridge, scabble, or other games; or, plan a theatre party or mystery luncheon. We'll be contacting you soon. In the meantime, think about what you'd like to do.



PLANT LOVERS..... Have you got a purple thumb, or green thumb, or are just all thumbs when it comes to plants? A plant gathering is planned for the near future. More about this in future newsletters.....

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS SALE.... DEC. 2 to Dec. 22. One-of-a-kind, handmade items by New Jersey craftsmen, are perfect for holiday gifts. Newark Museum. Open regular museum hours, including Sundays.

TEENAGERS.....

Interested in activities for YOU? Sign-up in the Coffee Shop. (D Bldg.)

COLONNADERS....

Knew someone who's ill or shut-in? Drop a line to the CPSTA mailbox in the Coffee Shop. (D Bldg.)

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